

Kindly amend the claims of this application as follows:

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42 (New) A terminal device comprising:

recording means for recording program data and program information of a user specified program on a removable recording medium;

means for permitting a user to elect one of said recorded programs recorded on said removable recording medium;

means for assigning a limit value to said one of said selected recorded programs by a center that manages limit values of broadcast programs, wherein said limit value is adapted to limit the number of times said selected recorded program can be played;

means for receiving said limit value for said one of said recorded programs from said center;

means for recording said limit value on said removable recording medium in association with said program; and

means, responsive to said user selecting said one of said recorded programs having a limit value, for deciding whether to play said one of said recorded programs.